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1. EMBASSY SEES NO OBJECTION TO PROGRAM AGENCIES FACILITATING ARRANGEMENTS FOR SA INTERNATIONAL VISITORS TO MEET AAI PRESIDENT COTTER

PROVIDED EACH APPOINTMENT IS APPROVED BY VISITOR CONCERNED DURING EARLY PROGRAMMING SESSION. PROGRAM OFFICER SHOULD SIMPLY EXPLAIN GENERALLY WHAT AAI IS AND THAT AAI HAS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN MEETING VISITOR. PERHAPS COTTER COULD SUPPLY PERSONALLY ADDRESSED LETTER OF INVITATION NOTING SOMETHING TO EFFECT THAT AAI WOULD LIKE TO MEET VISITOR, SHOW THEM AAI OFFICES, EXPLAIN AAI PROGRAMS, AND EXCHANGE VIEWS ON AFRICAN AFFAIRS.

2. BELIEVE MOST SA VISITORS WILL WELCOME CHANCE VISIT AAI PROVIDED IT DOES NOT INTERFERE WITH OTHER PARTS OF NYC PROGRAM THEY DESIRE AND THAT IT NOT APPEAR IRRELEVANT TO THEIR INTERESTS. WE DO NOT BELIEVE SAG WILL REACT UNLESS SOME VISITOR COMPLAINS THAT THEY WERE PRESSED INTO MEETING OR THAT AAI VISIT ITSELF PROVED UNPLEASANT OR EMBARRASSING, NEITHER OF WHICH SEEMS LIKELY IF HANDLED PROPERLY.

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EM ALTHOUGH WE WOULD NOT ANTICIPATE ANY PROBLEMS, WE

WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED SHOULD ANY ARISE OR SHOULD ANY SA VISITOR RAISE OBJECTION. WE MAY, IN FACT, BE ABLE TO FORESTALL PROBLEMS BY MENTIONING, AT TIME OF PRE-DEPARTURE BRIEFING, POSSIBILITY OF VISIT TO AAI AS PART OF NYC PORTION OF VISIT. POSSIBILITY ALREADY MENTIONED TO BARRATT, FOR INSTANCE, WHO SEEMED QUITE HAPPY TO CALL AT AAI. BOWDLER

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